# Ages and Stages of Parent Involvement





### Parent Driven/Child Responsive

Parent is primary decision maker exposing child to different experiences



### Parent Driven/Child Input

Parent continues to expose child to different experiences although child begins to offer input



## **Parent Driven/Child Driven**

Equal participation in input and decision making



## **Child Driven/Parent Input**

Parent begins to offer child decision making opportunities in safe environments and parent provides input



### **Child Driven/Parent Responsive**

Child initiates decision making and parent is there to support the outcomes of the child's decisions

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Parent Driven/Child Responsive	
Parent choice of food, books	Child eats
Parent choice of friends, games	Child plays
Parent leads by example	Child follows
Parent Driven/Child Input	
Parent gives choices	Child shares likes/dislikes
Parent models	Child practices
Parent encourages	Child begins to self-advocate
Parent Driven/Child Driven	
Parent begins to let go	Child has more responsibility
Parent role plays with child	Child shares information
Parent leads with questions	Child can evaluate what works
Child Driven/Parent Input	
Child practices	Parent provides opportunities
Child leads meetings/appointments	Parent gives feedback
Child creates a sense of identity	Parent supports
Child Driven/Parent Responsive	
Child makes own appointments	Parent follows up
Child advocates on their own	Parent praises
Child problem solves independently	Parent lets go

"If I had two wishes, I know what they would be; I'd wish for Roots to cling to, and Wings to set me free; Roots of inner values, like rings within a tree, and Wings of independence to seek my destiny.... Don't make my life too easy, it's better if I try and fail and get back up myself, so I can learn to fly. If I had two wishes, and two were all I had and they could just be granted, by my Mom and Dad; I wouldn't ask for money or any store-bought things. The greatest gifts I'd ask for are simply Roots and Wings." By Denis Waitley